

Changes boards of cosmetology and medical examiners.

Existing law prohibits all members of the La. State Board of Cosmetology (the board) from being graduates of the same school. Prior law further prohibited more than one board member to be connected directly or indirectly with the ownership of a school licensed in the state.

New law increases the number of board members who may be directly or indirectly connected with the ownership of a school from one to two.

Existing law provides that the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (the board) consist of seven members, all appointed by the governor from lists of names submitted by the La. State Medical Society and the La. Medical Assn. Provides that at least one member be appointed from the list submitted by the La. Medical Assn. and that at least one member be appointed be a physician practicing in a parish or municipality with a population of less than 20,000.

New law provides that, beginning January 1, 2000, the board shall consist of seven voting members appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation. Provides for the following membership:

- (1) Four members nominated by the La. State Medical Society.
- (2) Two members nominated by the La. Medical Assn.
- (3) One member nominated by the La. Academy of Family Practice Physicians.

Existing law requires that all members be graduate physicians or surgeons and practitioners. (R.S. 37:1263(C))

New law retains existing law for voting members.

Existing law provides that at least one appointed member be a physician practicing in a parish or municipality with fewer than 20,000 people.

New law retains existing law. Specifies that it be one of the appointed members nominated by the La. State Medical Society.

Prior law provided that members serve terms of six years commencing from their date of appointment. Further provided that members succeed themselves unless removed or replaced by the governor.

New law deletes prior law provisions regarding members succeeding themselves. Further changes the length of terms from six to four-year terms. Further limits board members to three consecutive four-year terms. Provides that vacancies filled for unexpired terms shall be only for the length of the remaining term. Provides that terms which began prior to January 1, 2000, shall not be considered in determining maximum permissible years of service.

New law requires nominating organizations to submit recommendations for appointment at least 60 days prior to a vacancy due to the expiration of a term, or within 30 days following a vacancy due to any other cause.

New law provides for the staggering of terms by setting four initial terms for voting members of four years and three initial terms of two years. Provides that the governor appoint one of the La. State Medical Society's nominations, one of the La. Medical Assn. nominees, and the La. Academy of Family

Practice Physicians' nominee to two-year terms.

Provisions related to the cosmetology board effective June 28, 1999.

Provisions related to the medical board effective August 15, 1999.

(Amends R.S. 37:483(B) and 1263 through 1265)